

Prior law permitted any municipal or parochial corporation in the state to impose a tax on any insurer engaged in the business of issuing any form of insurance except for programs or benefits administered through the office of group benefits. Provided that the tax shall not be more than \$10 on gross annual premiums up to \$2000 and the additional tax thereafter shall not be more than \$70 on each \$10,000 of gross annual premiums in excess of \$2000. Further provided that the maximum tax shall not exceed \$21,000 on any one insurer.

New law retains prior law but provides that premiums paid to an insurer by La. Medicaid programs shall be exempt from the tax imposed in prior law.

New law provides that for a municipal or parochial corporation which has not imposed a tax pursuant to prior law on or before August 15, 2012, the authorization for the tax shall cease effective August 16, 2012. Further provides that a municipal or parochial corporation which imposed the tax pursuant to prior law on or before August 15, 2012, shall retain the authority to renew that existing tax up to the limits in prior law.

Effective July 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 22:833(A)(1); adds R.S. 22:833(E))